

I. Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph in the specification at page 30, lines 5-10, with the following amended paragraph:

Another group of NO adducts are N-oxo-N-nitrosoamines that donate, transfer or release nitric oxide and are represented by the formula: ~~$R^1R^2N(O-M^+)NO$~~
 $R^1R^2N-N(O-M^+)-NO$, wherein R^1 and R^2 are each independently a polypeptide, an amino acid, a sugar, a modified or unmodified oligonucleotide, a straight or a branched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic or aromatic, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon, or a heterocyclic group, and M^+ is as defined herein.